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**MIAMI DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER**  
**DISTRICT 11**

February 12, 2009

## Memorandum

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and  
Members of the Board of County Commissioners

From: Commissioner Joe A. Martinez *JM*

Date: December 2, 2008

Re: Security at the Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)

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This morning a bomb scare affected the Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC) which in turn affected the safety of all the employees and those that visit the building in order to conduct business. I know that certain budget cuts were made in order to reduce the county's overhead, and I agreed with the bulk of them. However, I feel that the decision to eliminate security at the SPCC was a big mistake and should be reevaluated.

When security was eliminated from the center at the beginning of this new fiscal year, I knew then, that this would eventually cause problems and that we would end up regretting the decision made. I do not believe that for a savings of approximately \$480,000 the county should eliminate security at the SPCC. We are a large government building and we have over 2,000 employees plus the citizens that conduct business in this building. Their safety and security should and must be of the utmost importance; as such, we should not take that responsibility lightly. We have a responsibility to our employees and residents to assure them that we are taking every possible precaution to make sure that they are safe when they enter the building.

At this time, we need to reconsider our decision and reinstate a security system that not only screens all the visitors but also all the employees that enter the building. Let us not wait until something catastrophic occurs in order to take the necessary measures to ensure that everyone that enters the SPCC is secure and safe.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. If you should have any questions please call me at (305) 552-1155.

JM/ea

Cc: Honorable Mayor Carlos Alvarez  
County Manager George Burgess  
Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Office of Strategic Business Management

# Memorandum



**Date:** November 13, 2008  
**To:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager  
**Subject:** Reduction in Electronic Screening at Stephen P. Clark Center

Among the many cost-reduction measures approved by the Board as a part of the recent FY08-09 Resource Allocation process was the scaling back of electronic screening at the Stephen P. Clark Center. The initial step of eliminating the visitor screening stations in the lobby has been implemented by staff. The cost-reduction measure, as budgeted, also called for one of the screening stations to be reinstalled in the center of the lobby for the purpose of screening visitors to the second and third floors only. While staff is prepared to proceed with that step, before doing so, I wanted to confirm that this was still the intent of the Board.

We have had the opportunity to operate without any screening in the lobby since the beginning of the fiscal year, and thus far, there have not been any security incidents on the second or third floors. In addition, I would also note that, even if we proceed with this project, screening will continue to be limited to visitors. Should the Board elect not to proceed with the reinstallation of screening to the second and third floors, the County would realize an additional annual savings of \$193,000. It should be noted that even if the Board chose to defer the action at this time, screening can always be reinstated at such time that circumstances warrant it.

Please contact GSA Director Wendi J. Norris or me to further discuss this matter.

c: Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor  
Denis Morales, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor  
Wendi J. Norris, GSA Director